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2007-08

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(AC-Ho)**

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Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Housing

Assembly Bill 756

Relating to: reports or records kept on the occurrence of fires.

By Representatives Murtha, Albers, Bies, Gunderson, Honadel, Kerkman, F. Lasee, Lothian, Montgomery, Nygren, Petrowski, Smith, Soletski, Van Roy, Vos, Ziegelbauer, Zipperer, Nelson, Berceau, Hintz and A. Ott; cosponsored by Senators Hansen, Cowles, Darling, Ellis, Harsdorf, Jauch, Kapanke, Kreitlow, A. Lasee, Lehman, Olsen, Risser and Schultz.

February 04, 2008 Referred to Committee on Housing.

February 21, 2008 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Representatives Wieckert, Stone, Townsend,
Honadel, Hebl, Young and A. Williams.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Kate Levanetz , Madison — Wisconsin Builders Association
- Bob Du Pont , Madison — Wisconsin Department of Commerce
- John Wagnitz , Madison — Senator Dave Hansen

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- John Murtha , Baldwin — Representative , 29th Assembly District
- Dan Gengler , Madison — Wisconsin Fire Protection Coalition
- Bill Berdt , River Falls — St. Croix Valley Home Builders Association
- Bill Berdt , River Falls — Western Wisconsin Realtors Association
- Tom Larson , Madison — Wisconsin Realtors Association

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

March 6, 2008

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Representatives Wieckert, Stone, Townsend,
Honadel, Hebl, Young and A. Williams.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Townsend, seconded by Representative Hebl that **Assembly Amendment 2** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Wieckert, Stone, Townsend,
Honadel, Hebl, Young and A. Williams.

Noes: (0) None.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED,
Ayes 7, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Townsend, seconded by Representative Hebl that **Assembly Bill 756** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (7) Representatives Wieckert, Stone, Townsend,
Honadel, Hebl, Young and A. Williams.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0



Scott Becher
Committee Clerk



Vote Record Committee on Housing

Date: 3/6/2018

Moved by: TOWNSEND

Seconded by: HEBL

AB 756

SB _____

Clearinghouse Rule _____

AJR _____

SJR _____

Appointment _____

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Other _____

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Be recommended for:

- ☒ Passage ☐ Adoption ☐ Confirmation ☐ Concurrence ☐ Indefinite Postponement
☐ Introduction ☐ Rejection ☐ Tabling ☐ Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

Representative Steve Wieckert, Chair

Aye No Absent Not Voting

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Representative Jeff Stone

☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Representative John Townsend

☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Representative Mark Honadel

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Representative Gary Hebl

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Representative Leon Young

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Representative Annette Polly Williams

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Totals: 7 0 _____ _____

☒ Motion Carried

☐ Motion Failed

Vote Record Committee on Housing

Date: 3/6/2008

Moved by: TOWNSEND

Seconded by: HEBL

AB 756

SB _____

Clearinghouse Rule _____

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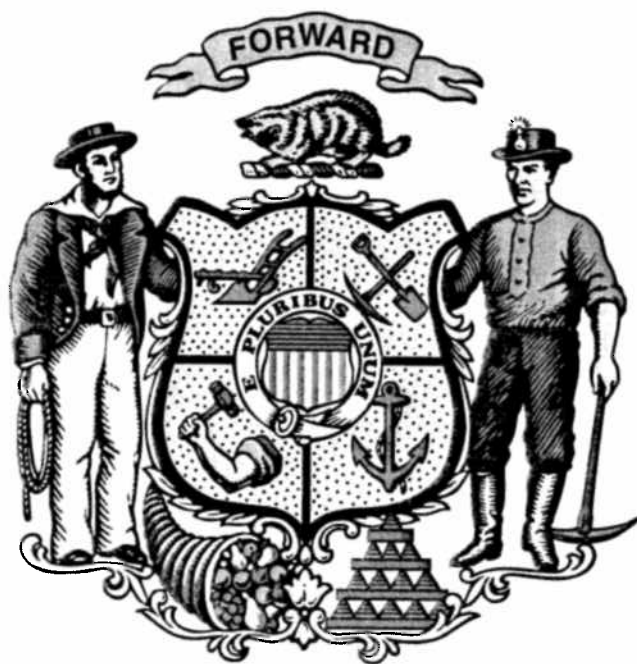
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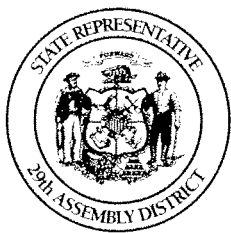
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JOHN MURTHA

STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 29th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

Date?

Written Testimony on behalf of Assembly Bill 756; relating to: reports or records kept on the occurrence of fires.

Assembly Committee on Housing; Representatives Wiecket (Chair), Stone (Vice-Chair), Townsend, Honadel, Hebl, Young, and Williams

Mr. Chairman and members, I thank you for holding a public hearing on Assembly Bill 756 and I thank you for your consideration on this issue. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend today's public hearing as I am attending to a family medical emergency.

As many of you know, the Wisconsin Department of Commerce is required by statute to maintain records of all fires that occur in the State of Wisconsin. However, the data the Department of Commerce currently collects leaves out critical information that would allow us to learn from these tragic events.

Assembly Bill 756 will require the Department of Commerce to collect and maintain fire incident records that include the cause of the fire, the age and purpose of the building, the number of dwelling units if the building contains two or more dwelling units, and the existence of any fire sprinkler systems or fire alarms on the premises.

I also offer Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 756 to require the data records to include an estimate of the amount of damage that occurred to a building as a result of a fire, and the number of human injuries or deaths caused by the fire. The amendment also includes language which states each fire department shall file a report, within 60 days after a fire occurs, with the U.S. Fire Administration for placement in the fire incident reporting system.

This bill will finally bring this much-needed data and information to home builders, realtors, fire inspectors, and homeowners across the state. We will finally be able to look at data so we may understand the accidents of the past to prevent fires from occurring in the future. Government can't prevent natural disasters or fire-proof every structure, but it can take real world steps to make buildings safer, and in one small way, keep the citizens of our state a little bit safer.

Again, I thank you for your willingness to hear testimony on Assembly Bill 756 and I would appreciate your consideration in passing this bill out of the Housing Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murtha
State Representative
29th Assembly District



AB 756 ?



Wisconsin Builders Association® Legislative Agenda

☒ **Housing, Jobs and the Economy**

- We would ask the legislature to continue to look at ways to cut bureaucratic red tape on the housing industry, which in turn will reduce the price and time it takes for consumer to move into a new home.
- Any provisions in an economic stimulus package that encourages homeownership can be an effective way to jumpstart the economy.
- Lowering the overall tax burden on Wisconsin's citizens is one way to give people more money to purchase a home.
- WBA will be working over the summer and fall of 2008 on a package of tax, economic development and regulatory provisions that we feel will help keep housing affordable for consumers.

☒ **Great Lakes Water Compact**

WBA supports the adoption of the Compact with a few modifications:

- Remove the One-State Veto Provision: Eliminate the ability of any one Governor to stop needed diversions to communities in straddling counties. The standard should be changed so that approval is constituted by a majority acceptance.
- Delete the term "Held in Trust" from the compact language in order to protect the property rights of landowners in relation to ground water.

Fire Data Bill

- AB 756/SB 436 is a bipartisan, common sense bill to have a better system to collect data on fires in Wisconsin.
- With better data on fires and fire deaths we will be able to have a better discussion on future fire safety improvements.
- We ask for your support to pass this legislation through both houses before the end of session.

Pier Bill

- AB 297/SB 169 is a bipartisan bill that has the support of WBA, DNR, the Wisconsin Realtors Association and the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.
- This legislation will exempt all existing piers that were not illegal when they were put in, and guarantees the right of riparian owners to place a pier.

Shoreland Zoning

- Oppose the rule as proposed.
- Lot sizes should not be increased. Increasing lot sizes negatively impacts affordability and is contrary to the goal of achieving increased density in urban areas.
- Impervious surface limitations are unrealistic. For example, a 20,000 square foot lot could only have 2,000 square feet of impervious surface, or 4,000 square feet if mitigation was preformed. Also, mitigation requirements are unclear.
- 35' height restriction is problematic. The rule does not specifically provide how to measure height. This would leave open, for example, whether the height would be measured from the bottom of an exposed basement.

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


Assembly Bill 756

reports or records kept on the occurrence of fires. (FE)

TEXT
sponsors
LBR analysis

STATUS
committee actions
and votes
text of amendments

COST & HOURS
of lobbying efforts
directed at this
proposal

Organization		These organizations have reported lobbying on this proposal:	Place pointer on icon to display comments, click icon to display prior comments		
Profile	Interests		Date Notified	Position	Comments
		Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Inc	2/7/2008		
		Wisconsin Builders Association	2/5/2008	